Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the State	No. of Project Reports Received	No. of Project Reports Approved and Cleared
1	Andhra Pradesh	4	3
2	Goa	1	—
3	Gujarat	3	—
4	Haryana	2	1
5	Jammu & Kashmir	1	1
6	Karnataka	3	3
7	Kerala	2	—
8	Madhya Pradesh	5	5
7	Maharashtra	5	4
10	Nagaland	1	—
11	Orissa	3	—
12	Punjab	2	2
13	Rajasthan	5	2
14	Tamil Nadu	2	1
15	Tripura	1	—
16	Uttar Pradesh	8	—
	TOTAL	48	22

Uniform Wage Policy

*149. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee appointed to examine the wage-structure in the country has finalised its report; and

(b) if so, by when the recommendations of the Committee will be implemented for uniform wage policy in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The Government have not set up any committee to examine the wage structure in the country. However, a high-level committee of experts headed by Shri H. N. Ray has been set up to study and examine the structure of emoluments of the employees in the Central Government, Public Sector Enterprises and nationalised banks, etc., *inter-alia* for preparing a document to enable the Government to take a view on the trends of wages of employees in these sectors and to consider evolving a common formula for the grant of Dearness Allowance. The Committee is expected to submit its report within a period of four months.

(b) Does not arise.

Blackmarketing of essential commodities through fake ration cards

*150. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that millions of fake ration cards exist in the country resulting in blackmarketing of essential commodities meant for poor people;

(b) if so, what is the approximate number of such cards in each State and Union Territory;

(c) whether Government are aware that most of the fake ration cards are issued in connivance with the rationing inspectors;